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Caledonian Mercury:
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 An Account of all the most considerable NEWS,
Foreign and Domestic.

Edinburgh, Monday, January 13, 1724.

From the Evening Post, January 7th, 1724.

Since our Last arrived one Mail from Holland.

Petersburg, Decem. 20.

THEIR Imperial Majesties will set out within a Week's Time for Moscow, attended with all the Foreign Ministers and those of their own Courts.

Paris, January 5. 'Twas very difficult to bring the Infanta Queen to take Physic or to be let Blood; the Ladies about her were forced to tell her it was the King's Command, and to make her believe an Express was come from Spain on purpose. As soon as she was blooded, she said to the Dutchess de Ventadour, *You must needs own, Madam, that I have a great deal of Courage for one so young, to come to it with so good a Will!* When the King was told this, he drew his Watch out of his Pocket, and sent it as a Present to that Princess.

Petersburg, Decem. 8. 'Twas resolved in a Council of War held last Week, to fortifie the Port of Wirolax in Finland, that Situation being much more safe than the Port of Cronslot, where Ships are not sheltered against certain Winds.

London, Jan. 7. Last Night there was a numerous Concourse of People at the Royal Palace of St. James's, to see His Majesty play at Ombre, according to the Custom of that Day.

On Saturday-morning about 3 a-clock, the Exeter, Dorchester and Salisbury Stage-coaches were robbed by 3 Highwaymen.

Yesterday Letters from France gave an Account, that the Countess of Essex, Daughter to the Earl of Rochester, died at Paris last Friday.

This Day at Noon S. S. Stock was 117, 1 4th. Annuities, 101, 3 8ths. Bank, 127. India, 143, 1 half. African, 26, 3 4ths. York Buildings, 12, 3 8ths.

From

From the London Gazette, January 4th, 1724.

St. James's, January 2.

This Day the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of the City of London waited on His Majesty, to congratulate Him on His safe Arrival; and Mr. Recorder made their Compliments to His Majesty, to the Effect following:

May it please Your Majesty.

THE Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of the City of London most humbly entreat Your Majesty's Permission to congratulate Your safe Return to Great Britain.

They're very sensible that (during Your Majesty's Absence) Your Royal Mind has been employed for the Welfare and Security of this Kingdom: That Your Majesty's Cares have been extended for the Preservation of the Tranquillity of Europe, for the Cause of Religion and Liberty, and for the Good of Mankind; by pursuing of which noble Views, Your Majesty establishes Your Glory upon the most solid Foundation.

Your Majesty's more immediate Concern for the Prosperity of Great Britain, and Your most tender Regard for Your People, has been evident in a peculiar Manner through the whole Course of Your Reign.

By Your Wisdom and the Vigilance of Your Councils, Your Majesty has secured them against all Attempts of their Enemies at Home and Abroad: By Your constant and steady Adherence to our excellent Constitution in Church and State, Your Majesty has protected them in the full Enjoyment of their Laws, their Liberties, and all their Rights and Privileges.

Therefore, SIR, Gratitude, Duty and Interest must command their Affection to Your Majesty's Royal Person, and their Zeal for the Support of Your Government.

These Your Majesty's most faithful and dutiful Subjects, humbly beg Leave to assure your Majesty, not only of their ardent Wishes for the long Continuance of your Majesty's Reign, but of their most hearty Endeavours in their Sphere, that it may in every Respect be prosperous and happy. And are perswaded they can do nothing which will give your Majesty so great a Satisfaction, as their being vigilant to suppress all Disorders, and to preserve the publick Peace; and promoting to the utmost of their Power, the Trade, the Wealth, the flourishing Condition and Happiness of all your People.

His Majesty was pleased to receive them very graciously; and to confer the Honour of Knight-hood on Felix Faast, Esq; one of the Sheriffs.

From the Whitehall Evening Post, January 4th. 1724.

Stockholm December 22d. The chief Burghers of this City met Yesterday at the Town-House, according to the Summons they had received, to hear the Reading of the Transactions in the last Diet. M. Bassowitz, Envoy from the Duke of Holstein, intended to have gone by Sea to Petersburg, on Board a Russian Frigate: But not thinking it safe to undertake a Sea-Voyage

Voyage in this Winter-Season, has changed his Resolution, and is set forward this Day with his Spouse, and most of his Baggage, to go by Land by Way of Aland to Abo, and to proceed from thence to Petersburg. The King's Commissioners continue their Conferences with the Russian Resident, Mr. Bestuchoff, on the Affair of Virolax in Finland: But the Court has formerly resolved to preserve that District united to the Crown, without dismembring it for any Equivalent, in as much as the Czar's Pretensions are void of all Foundation, the Treaty of Peace concluded at Nystadt, having left that District to the Crown of Sweden; and because that Country is of the last Importance, it is resolved to fortifie Virolax, to serve as a Fortrefs against Russia.

From the Weekly Journal, January 4.

They write from Paris, That Marshal de Tessé, formerly Master of the Horse to the Dutchess of Burgundy, is now confirmed Master of the Horse to the young Queen, and is also nam'd to go Ambassador for Spain: From which Court, some Person of the first Rank is expected to reside; some say, the Duke d'Orfuna, others, the Prince de Cellamare. The Person of this last, 'tis thought, would not be disagreeable here, notwithstanding his Plot of running away with the Regent, when he was before Ambassador at Paris: So good natur'd are the French in forgiving Injuries! But this seems to be a Report without any great Certainty.

By Letters from Constantinople we are informed, That the Divan had resolved to publish an Edict, inviting Christians of all Sorts to come and settle in the Turkish Empire; promising them not only the free Exercise of their Religion, but certain Privileges and Immunities for their greater Encouragement; and that this was done with a View of Enriching the Dominions of Turkey by Trade and Manufactures, which the Christians, who are persecuted by one another, would certainly bring with them. This seems to be a strong Reproach to Christians in general, that they should meet with better Quarters from Infidels, than from one another: But 'tis a Reproach, which, we hope, *no Protestant Country will deserve*. However, 'tis said the Musti opposes this Edict, pretending that there is a Chapter in the Alchoran expressly against it: But those who live under a Christian Government, have this Happiness, that if a Fanatic Spirit of Persecution should possess any of those who Govern, they cannot produce a Chapter in the Bible, to give it Sanction.

From the Evening Post, January 4.

Paris, Jan. 8. On New-year's-day the King made several Alterations about the Apartments granted in the Castle of Versailles, to his Ministers, great Officers of his Household and Favourites, too long to be here mentioned: The most considerable is, That His Majesty gave to the Duke of Bourbon the Apartments the late Duke of Orleans had. His Majesty will on the 17th Instant go out of Mourning, which he now wears on a triple Account, viz. For the Great Duke of Tuscany, the Elector of Cologne and the Duke of Orleans.

The Demesnes of Vernon and Gisors, which were dismembred from the Crown, are to be reunited to it, Proceedings being actually on Foot for that Purpose.

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From the Whitehall Evening Post, January 7th, 1724.

Muscow, November 30. For three Weeks past, we have have no News from our Troops on the Persian Frontiers; but Yesterday arrived an Officer, dispatched by the Governour of Derbent, who halted immediately to Petersburg after making the following favourable Report, *viz.* That the Imperial Troops were in a good Condition in their Quarters, no Sickness having happened among them since the new Precautions that had been taken: That since the Month of August, September, and October, 1500 Persians were come over from Meriweise, which were formed into a regular Body: That a good Body of Tartars had also deserted: That the Turks canton'd not far from thence were about 5000 strong, but the Troops of Meriweise were 36000, and the Russian Troops in Quarters, 45000 regular Troops beside the Tartars and Cossacks.

Petersburg, December the 17th. The Emperor being recovered of his Indisposition, designs to go the 25 or 26 to Olonitz, and after a short Residence there, will proceed to Muscow; from whence 'tis believed the Court will return hither soon after the Ceremony of the Coronation of the Emperess. The Council of War has ordered that no Forreigner shall for the Future be taken into the Service except Natives of Sweden and Livonia.

Vienna, December 30. A Conference has been held at the House of Count Zinsendorf on the Situation of Affairs in general, and an Express was sent to Constantinople with Dispatches for Mr. Dierling our Resident.

Amsterdam, January 11th. We hear that the Dukes of Saxgotha and Wirtemberg, have offered the Imperial Court to employ their good Offices to terminate amicably the Affair of the Duke of Mecklinburg; the Difficulties which had hindred till now the Emperor from granting to the King of Great Britain the Investiture of Bremen and Verden, are almost removed, there remaining nothing more than the regulating some Articles which concern the Town of Bremen in particular.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London 7th January 1724.

Yesterday arrived a Mail from Holland with the following Advices.

FROM Constantinople, that the Ambassador of the States General has as good as concluded a Treaty of Peace between that Republick and the Regency of Algiers, by which their high Mightinesses are to make a considerable Present to that Regency, and oblige themselves never to grant Passports to foreign Vessels.

That in a late Audience which the Envoy of the Sophi of Persia had of the Grand Vizier he complained of the Irruption made by the Turks into Georgia, and other Provinces of Persia, to which the Grand Vizier answered, That the Port would not have seized on the said Provinces, had not the Sophi called to his Assistance the Czar of Muscovy, whose Power in Persia was already so great, as gave much Umbrage to the Sultan.

In the mean time, if these Accounts be to be depended on, the Ottoman Troops commanded by the Bashaw of Bagdat, have taken two important Cities situated on the Road of Isphahan, that another Body of Troops had taken the City called Gangia, and subdued all the Province of Schirvan

Schirvan except Baku, and have laid Siege to Erivan, which is the Capital.

From Moscow they write, that on the 9th past they had the agreeable News by an Express from the Governour of Derbent, that the Russian Troops in that Country were in a very good Condition, and above 45000 strong besides the Tartars and Cossacks, and that since the Month of August there had come over to them 1500 Persians of Mire-wey's Army, that the chief Generals of the Cossacks are still at Moscow, waiting to receive the Czar's Orders for the ensuing Campaign, which will be carried on with the utmost vigour, mean time an Opportunity will thereby be given to the Northern Princes (if they were disposed to make use of it) for recovering the Places taken from them in the last War, of which the Czar seems to be under some Apprehensions; for according to Letters from Petersburg, he has delayed his Journey to Moscow, waiting to receive new Assurances from the fore-said Princes, that they will not take Advantage of his Absence, and 'tis said his Czarish Majesty will leave in Livonia and Finland a good Number of Troops.

'Tis very astonishing to here that *Bishop Burnet's History of his own Times*, which that pious Prelate solemnly devoted to the eternal G O D of Truth, should be by some People deemed a Romance; the Report of others, Hear-say, and the like, and that those People should likewise give out that the second Part of the Bishop's History, which relates to the Reigns of King William and Queen Mary, has not the Consent for its Publication as was expected.

The following worthy Prelates, viz. Durham, Winchester, Litchfield and Coventry, Petersburg, Rochester, Bristol, Gloucester, Carlisle, and St. David's went Yesterday to Bow-Church, and heard the Sermon preached by the Bishop of London before the Society for Reformation of Manners.

The Reverend Mr. Arthur Ashly Sykes, is appointed by the Bishop of Salisbury a Prebendary of that Cathedral; this Gentleman wrote in Defence of the Bishop concerning the Power of the Church, against Dean Sherlock, Doctor Snip, &c. And we hear the reverend Mr. Peirce one of his Majesty's Chaplains, and Rector of Bartholomew's behind the Royal Exchange, will be presented to the Vicarage of St. Martin's in the Fields, worth about 700 L. per annum, in Room of the Bishop of Eli.

We are well informed, That Mr. Reeves will be the new Judge, notwithstanding the Reports that have been made of his declining to accept of that Office, and that the Parliament will sit next Thursday.

This Day the Emperor of Morocco's Ambassador had his publick Audience of his Majesty at St. James's, and the honourable Philip Howard, youngest Brother to the Duke of Norfolk, was married to a Daughter of Thomas Stones of Wattleton park in Oxford Shire, Esq; the Dutchess of Powis is dangerously ill; we hear the Earl of Essex died lately at Paris.

Haddington, January 10, 1724.

Best Wheat, L. 7. sh. 14.	2d Ditto, L. 07. sh. 10.	3d Ditto, L. 07. sh. 04.
Best Bear, L. 08. sh. 00.	2d Ditto, L. 07. sh. 16.	3d Ditto, L. 07. sh. 10.
Best Oats, L. 06. sh. 02.	2d Ditto, L. 06. sh. 00.	3d Ditto, L. 05. sh. 12.
Best Pease, L. 06. sh. 06.	2d Ditto, L. 06. sh. 04.	3d Ditto, L. 06.

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ADVERTISEMENT.

§ There is lately come from the River of Sevil in Spain, a Parcel of fine Red Sevil Oranges and good Limons, to be Sold at Eight Pence per Dozen, at 40 or 35 Shillings Sterl. in whole Chests. As also, good China Oranges, Chesnuts, Walnuts, Spanish Nuts, Onions, Red Herrings: All Sold at reasonable Rates, at the first Loft above the Weigh-house in Leith.

† These are to Advertise, That the Annual General Meeting of the FRIENDLY CONTRIBUTERS of Edinburgh, is to be held this Thirteenth Day of January 1724, at 4 o'clock after Noon, in Mary's Chapel; Where all concerned are desir'd to be present.

† That the Lands of Wallace-Craigie, lying at the East Port of Dundee, within the Parochine thereof and Sheriffdom of Forfar, holding Taxward of the Crown, being 1030 Merks of free Rent, as they were last Sett in Tack; with the Mansion-house, consisting of a Dining-room, 3 Bed-rooms, 2 Closets and 2 large Garrets; with Kitchen, Brew-house, Washing-house, 2 Barns, Stables, Loft and Oxen Byer, &c. all well stated: with a convenient Garden, inclos'd with a good Stone Dyke, and a good Quantity of barren Planting, likewise inclos'd: Are to be Exposed to Public Voluntary Roup and Sale, in the House of Ms. Kid in Dundee, on the Twenty-fifth Day of January 1724, betwixt the Hours of 2 and 3 in the Afternoon. The Progress of Writs and Condition of Sale, are to be seen in the Hands of Sir Alexander Wedderburn of Blackness, or David Brisbane Writer in Dundee.

†† That the Lands of Balon, lying near St. Andrew's in Fife, paying Yearly, after all Deductions, 15 Bolls, 1 Firlot, 1 Peck and an half, Wheat; 6 Chalders, 4 Bolls, 2 Firlots, 2 Lippies, Bear; 49 Bolls, 3 Firlots, 2 Lippies, Meal; Are to be Exposed to Sale by Voluntary Roup on Thursday the 6th of February next, in the House of Patrick Herdman Vintner in Edinburgh, at 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon. The Writs and Conditions of Sale are to be seen in the Hands of Alexander Christie Writer in Edinburgh, at his House above Arthur Reid Vintner, at any Time before the Roup.

N. B. For the Encouragement of Purchasers, 'tis thought fit to notice, That the greatest Part of the Price may lie in their own Hands till they can conveniently pay it.

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